

THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB

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Dear Members:

We have now passed the Ides of March, which brings us to the sulphur and molasses days, and the birth of Spring with its promise of fair weather, so we will get on to the news at hand.

George Rugar, W9VWG, came down to a club meeting. Will wonders never cease. George assures us that we will see more of him from now on.

Pfc. John Deisinger was home on furlough and was able to attend a meeting.

Ed. Thornley, one of our club members, read letters to and from Dr. Lee DeForest. The Cudahy High School Radio Club is delving into historical radio facts pertaining to Milwaukee, way back in 1900, when Lee DeForest and Prof. Johnson were active here.

Emil Felber, W9RH, reported that the treasury contained \$134.50 plus 9 - \$25.00 War Bonds.

Charlie Meyer, W9CVL, gave us a streamlined chalk talk on a single tube channel analyzer.

Sam Tagart was a visitor at our March 2nd meeting, as was also W9TUJ and W9NYL, the latter two from Waukesha.

Deve Devendorf, our WERS secretary, regaled our ears with highlights of the early "wireless" days. The days of United, Clark and Marconi Wireless Companies.

In direct opposition one cannot help but imagine a post war ham going to Central Radio Parts (got to get a plug in for W9SYT) to get some radio tubes. Let's say a Klystron and a couple of Magnetrons for a rig that he is building that will turn off the water heater of a ham friend in Boston besides putting the potatoes on the fire for another friend in San Francisco and at the same time televising each one a copy of a Milwaukee newspaper with FM sound effects and the comic sheet in three dimensional technicolor. Such is the progress of man. May we always be blessed with the ability to keep up with it.

John Wilkenson, W9EEL, has been coming to meetings more often. We sure get a kick out of John's low deep-throated chuckle.

Ralph Koenig, W9RUF, the stoker expert also showed up. Hope we see you more often, Ralph.

2nd Lt. Arthur Trautmann, Army Air Force, W9KFB, was a visitor while home on leave.

Norb Richard, W9OUB, paid us an unexpected visit. We surely were glad to see you, Norb.

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Roman Hudzinski, ACRM, USNR, W9JPS, has become the proud papa of a 9 lb. baby YL. Congrats, Romie.

Several of the Boys wrote in and were quite upset about the club's meeting place having been shifted. We didn't let you down, boys, and it was definitely not a "brush off", so let us explain. The Trustees' room has been converted into other use by and for the Library and a connecting door has been broken through to the Library proper. All clubs that met in the Trustees' room were taken care of elsewhere in the building. As the Trustees' room had been under the jurisdiction of the Museum, its use was relinquished to the Library; but instead the Library had to give the Museum a similar room in the Library section. So we now meet on the second floor, east of the elevator, in the Conference room. It is a well lighted room with perfect acoustics, has Celotex acoustical ceiling, cloth wall panels, and monk's cloth draperies. We have the same big oak director's table and chairs as before, also the wardrobe rack, armchairs and blackboard. The room is equipped with AC outlets, portable stand for movie projector and a movie screen. It is really a swell set up - much better than the old room. They even made a concession to us - we may smoke up there, but must use ash trays. There is no sign up, but it is definitely "MI RIPTETE TIN TEPHRAN EIS TO PATOMA" which in Greek is the equivalent of our "Do not throw ashes on the floor". The only thing we miss are the portrait paintings of the old buzzards glaring down at us. As Archie, of Duffy's Tavern, would say, "Perish forbid".

Walter Stromberg, W9DG, suggested that we include the minutes of the meetings in the Bulletin. That is not impossible, but very impracticable, for the minutes contain parliamentary procedure, and various cut and dried seconds to the motion, etc., which not only is uninteresting, but as the minutes of each meeting take up a page plus an additional page of the WERS meeting minutes, it would make the Monthly Bulletin 8 pages long and not contain that which the fellows want to hear about. So please leave it to our discretion - we will pick the highlights of the meetings plus as much membership gossip as we can dig up. We must try to keep the weight of the Bulletin down so that a 3 cent stamp will cover the postage. You must bear with us, fellows, we are trying to do the best we can and we cannot give you a combination of Time, Life and Esquire, although we would like to.

Some of the Boys have written in and have asked the Bulletin staff to mention where some of the other fellows serving overseas are located. We would like to give you this information, if we had it, but as the Bulletin is sent to many club members overseas, we wish to stay in the good graces of the censors by actually censoring our own dope. We treat geographical locations only generically. We make it a point not to disclose definite places, localities or numbers of outfits, even those in this country. At this time it is quite apropos to quote from the Camp Pickett (Va) News:

"If you your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care:
To whom you speak, of whom you speak,
And how, and when, and where."

On March 1st, the Boys, namely: Norm Barnes, W9CDY, Herb Wareing, W9NY, Bill Kittson, W9RSA, Tony Barszoz, W9HPZ, and Lester Kolle,

ex W9CZK, put some of the WERS rigs on the air at # 3 Police Station and were repaid for their trouble and efforts, by cracking the ice, so to speak. An outdoor vertical J antenna with Zepp feeders was used and the signals really got out.

Erv. Kreis, W9HRM, was the first one to hear the signals, using Louis Wollaeger's, W9ANA, 2½ meter receiver. Bruno Plitzko, W9LAD, joined Erv to spot frequencies, on Carl Stanfield's, W9JPK, receiver, which Bruno was using. Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, reported hearing the signals at his location on 5th and Burleigh. W9HRM also heard Unit # 8 located at 89th and Mitchell. Everybody is all hopped up about the coming tests. The March 8th tests were not so hot though. Some of the rigs came through alright, but the receivers did not work well in any of them. Some changes will be made and they ought to be perking pretty soon. The March 15th test was the first in which 2-way communication was established between unit #3 and unit #8. W9GVL, W9LAD & W9HRM were on the job listening and heard Unit #3 FB, but couldn't pick up unit #8.

The "drop us a line" letters are still coming in, and our batting average is better than .500, thanks much fellows. Herb Parish, W9CCD, remarked "If the Boys in the services are only half as glad to get our Bulletins as we are to receive their letters, we will consider our club well worth while."

Letters were received, receipt recorded and read, from:

Frank Jancarik, Sea 2C, USCG.

T/Sgt Robert Reidel, W9FQO, from way up where it's cold.

Lt. (jg) Louis A. Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, who wrote, quote: It sure is swell to know that the home town still has a going radio club and that one can hear about the doin's at home every month. It surely is appreciated, unquote.

Ensign George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, who wrote, quote: I surely get a lot of enjoyment learning what the other fellows are doing, unquote.

Capt. Reid H. Burrows, USMCR, W9JWT, our former secretary, explained his long silence by giving us a resume' of his Marine corps training and personal happenings, which can be boiled down to Quantico, Harvard, M.I.T., married to a swell Wisconsin girl, 11/28/42; Corpus Christi, San Diego, Airplane crack-up, hospital for many months and now recuperating and instructing in California. And to top it all off the proud papa of a baby YL.

Capt. Fred F. Seifert, Signal Corps, WBWWA, ex W9EFX, has been transferred to the East Coast.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, dropped us cards from New York, Camden and Boston.

Pvt. John F. Rashinsky

Pvt. John C. Holmes

The last two sent in their money and applications for ARRL membership.

Donald Merten was located in Garden City, N.Y., but has left for overseas as a special consultant for the Army Air Force.

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Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, is still functioning as DCO in one of our Naval districts. The University of Wisconsin used to advertise in it's Haresfoot play that "every lady is a gentleman", but Fred says "every radioman is a Wave" down his way, with a few king bees sprinkled in.

Capt. D. Wesley Correll, W9FY, sent a V-mail letter from the S.W. Pacific. We surely were glad to hear from you, Wes.

Pfc. Gilbert W. Rink, Signal Corps, has been shifted to the East coast.

Elmer Ash, W9ESE, is still at the radio station at Port Washington and expects to drop in to see us some meeting night.

Pfc. Thomas McCormick has been transferred to Arizona.

Pvt. Paul J. Ripple of Pewaukee has been amongst the missing for quite a while, but we just received a letter from his sister that he was inducted into the army in December. She sent his new address and also wrote that she has forwarded Bulletins # 1 & 2 to him.

Bob Schmidt, W9VDY, sent in a nice letter in which he mentioned experimental and development work at his job. Glad to hear from you, Bob.

Pfc. Carl H. Schuppel, sent us a copy of his Infantry Division's "Timberwolf".

Cpl. Frank J. Detzek sent his new address.

1st Lt. Sidney R. Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, dropped us a line from China, stating that his outfit was cited by the President for Meritorious Service.

Sgt. Bernard A. Kellner sent in his ARRL application for membership and a P.O. money order. Tnx, Bernie. We noted your change of address, but why didn't you drop us a few lines? The Boys like to hear from you fellows.

Lt. Armand P. Carian, acknowledged receipt of the Bulletins and sent us his new address.

T/4 Ed. S. Strzelczyk, W9ANK, wrote a letter to Emil Felber, W9RH. That puts you on the mailing list, Ed, and you will get the Bulletins.

That will be all for this time, Boys. In the meantime, be of good cheer and take good care of yourselves.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. = Drop us a line, keep us informed on any change of address. Address all correspondence to:

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